

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE GREENVILLE-SPARTANBURG SC
726 PM EST MON NOV 11 2002

...PARTIAL SURVEY OF STORM DAMAGE IN UPSTATE SOUTH CAROLINA AND
ELBERT COUNTY GEORGIA FROM THIS MORNING...

TWO NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE TEAMS LOOKED AT SOME OF THE DAMAGE
REPORTED EARLY THIS MORNING. THE DAMAGE IN ELBERT COUNTY GEORGIA AND
GREENWOOD COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA WAS JUDGED TO BE DOWNBURST. NO
EVIDENCE OF ROTATION WAS NOTED.

NEAR TOWNVILLE SOUTH CAROLINA...DOWNBURST WIND WAS ALSO NOTED.
MAXIMUM WINDS WERE ESTIMATED IN THE 70 TO 80 MPH RANGE...WITH DAMAGE
TO TREES...POWER LINES...SOME LIGHT STRUCTURAL WIND DAMAGE TO HOUSES
AND MOBILE HOMES. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH
TREES FALLING ONTO HOMES. THE DAMAGE PATTERN WAS CLEARLY DIVERGENT
ALONG HIGHWAY 243...NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF TRIBBLE ROAD...AND
EXTENDED TO OTHER NEARBY ROADS. THIS DAMAGE WAS REPORTED AROUND 450
AM TO 5 AM EST.

A SIGNIFICANT AREA OF WIND DAMAGE WAS FOUND NEAR PIEDMONT IN
GREENVILLE COUNTY. A NUMBER OF TREES AND POWER LINES WERE
DOWNED...AND SOME APPARENTLY FELL ON STRUCTURES AND VEHICLES. NO
EVIDENCE OF ROTATION WAS NOTED. THIS DAMAGE WAS REPORTED AROUND 515
AM EST.

IN WEST PELZER...ON THE ANDERSON COUNTY SIDE...THERE WERE SEVERAL
REPORTS OF WIND DAMAGE. THIS AREA HAS NOT YET BEEN SURVEYED...BUT
HOPEFULLY WILL BE TUESDAY.

IN SIMPSONVILLE...THE SURVEY TEAM CONCLUDED THAT A SMALL TORNADO OF
F1 INTENSITY OCCURRED. MAXIMUM WINDS WERE JUDGED IN THE 80 TO 90 MPH
RANGE. THE 1/8 MILE WIDE TRACK...ABOUT A MILE IN LENGTH...WAS FROM THE
HUNTERS WOOD SUBDIVISION...TO JUST SOUTH OF THE FAIRVIEW
ROAD/INTERSTATE 385 INTERCHANGE...TO THE CAMPUS OF BRYSON
MIDDLE/HILLCREST HIGH...TO HIGHWAY 14. QUITE A BIT OF DAMAGE WAS
NOTED TO HOMES...MAINLY FROM FALLEN TREES...WITH STRUCTURAL WIND
DAMAGE TO A HOTEL...SCOREBOARDS AND FENCES BEHIND THE SCHOOL
BUILDINGS. AN INDISTINCT CONVERGENT DAMAGE PATTERN WAS
OBSERVED...WITH MAXIMUM WIND EVIDENT AT THE SCHOOL CAMPUS /BUILDINGS
WERE NOT OBSERVED TO HAVE SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE/. THE TORNADO THEN
APPARENTLY DISSIPATED...BUT ADDITIONAL WIND DAMAGE WAS NOTED IN A
DIVERGENT PATTERN IN THE AREA FROM THE EAST SIDE OF
SIMPSONVILLE...TO JUST NORTH OF FOUNTAIN INN. THIS DAMAGE WAS
REPORTED FROM ABOUT 525 AM TO 535 AM EST.

ALL OF THE ABOVE DAMAGE WAS FROM THE SAME STORM SEGMENT IN THE LINE
OF STORMS WHICH MOVED ACROSS EARLY THIS MORNING. IT IS POSSIBLE
ADDITIONAL SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE COULD HAVE OCCURRED...AND REMAINS
UNREPORTED. NO INJURIES HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO THE NATIONAL WEATHER
SERVICE.

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